

## Branston and District Committee U3A Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Minutes for the meeting held by Zoom at 2.00pm

Present: John Tyerman (Chair) Janet Foster, Garry Snelson, Elaine Johnson, Chris Hodson, Mary Corbould, James Hewson, Rick Smok, Brian Sentance, Heather Sharpe.

**1. Apologies** – None

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting** - accepted

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Chair's Report**

Neighbourhood meeting of local U3A's to be held on 30th March at 2.00pm via Zoom. Four topics to be discussed. Membership renewals, AGM's, virtual meetings and groups on line. John said no one turned up for the last meeting. Garry and James would like to join it as well.

The croquet group will start again from 29<sup>th</sup> March when allowed under the Covid rules. The walking group will resume after 17<sup>th</sup> May when 30 people can meet together again.

After 21<sup>st</sup> June, everything, in theory, will be back to normal.

It was suggested that the first meeting to be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> should be just a social, tea and cakes and a catch up. This was agreed depending on whether the village hall will be re opening then. If not, then a zoom speaker will be arranged. Janet to check with the Parish Office about the hall re opening and costs etc. and will report back.

Equipment PAT tested up to 27<sup>th</sup> May. Arrangements to be made for a re test.

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**5. Treasurer's Report**

Accounts presented by Janet and attached

Last year's accounts are back from the Auditor, Mr James Kelsey and signed off. All cheques bar one paid in at the post office.

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**6. Membership Secretary's Report**

Elaine - No new members.

James said, as of this morning, 229 people remain on the membership list 18 not renewed. A final reminder will be sent out to them and then Rick will inform convenors names of people in their groups. Rick also to telephone the Scoffins, long standing members, re their non renewal.

**7. Group Coordinator's Report**

Rick said that Tony Cross, who is also Branston Croquet Group leader asked for a link to the club to go on the Branston U3A website. This was agreed.

Letter from Jim O'Hara re walking group, starting again in May

U3A logo change, two reams of paper needed to be bought one for him and one for James, agreed. Presentation boards in Rick's garage and need to go to the village hall when it reopens.

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**8. Programme Secretary's Report**

Next week's speaker, Fools Gold, has been arranged for the meeting after the AGM.

April's zoom meeting speaker has been booked and May meeting to be booked. A local speaker for

the June to be arranged for a zoom meeting in case we are unable to meet in the village hall.

### **9. Website Manager's Report**

James reported that there are problems with Beacon getting onto their server. Also some problems with e-mails and files.

He, with Rick are still working on the Branston U3A website to improve it

James asked for any ideas of what to include in a possible article for the next Sheepwash Times.

The zoom STEM meeting went very well with an excellent speaker.

### **10. AGM**

Zoom meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There are 229 members at present. 96 people responded to the Chairman's e-mail re the AGM and committee members. All were in favour of the committee and the adoption of the accounts with none against and no absentions.

Everyone will be muted for the AGM and then John will hand over to Garry, the new Chair. Garry will then introduce himself and talk about the way forward.

### **11. Other Reports**

None

### **12. Keeping in Touch**

James to continue with his weekly online letter.

### **13. Any Other Business**

It was suggested that the May committee meeting can be held face to face outside, Janet offered her garden.

A refreshment officer and equipment officer is still needed. Also another committee member needed

Mary has offered to take over the Membership Secretary's position on the committee, and was thanked for this. Elaine will hand over all paper work to her.

Thanks were given to Elaine for all her work as she is leaving the committee. Thanks were also given to John who took over as Chair this year. John thanked everyone, especially James and said he had been Chairman of the U3A for a whole year without physically meeting anyone because of Covid.

**14. Date of next meeting-** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm via Zoom. Heather will be unavailable that day

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

